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SUBJECT: SHRIMP FISHERY IN SIERRA LEONE AND REPORT
ON FISHERIES

REF: A) FREETOWN 3549, NOV. 9, 1976; B) CASABLANCA A-45,
DEC. 24, 1976; C) FREETOWN A-64, DEC. 4, 1975; D) FREETOWN
532, FEB. 11, 1977; E) FREETOWN A-8, FEB. 2, 1977;
F) FREETOWN 3289, OCT. 18, 1976

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED 1. THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES
SERVICE (NMFS), NOAA, COMMERCE HAS NOTED WITH
CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION EMBASSY'S REQUEST THAT THE POST
BE APPRAISED OF INTEREST BY U.S. FIRMS IN SIERRA LEONE
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FISHERIES (REF A). NMFS RECENTLY DISCUSSED EMBASSY'S
REQUEST WITH DESCO MARINE, A MAJOR U.S. SHIPYARD.
DESCO MARINE MAY BE ABLE TO SELL 12 SHRIMP TRAWLERS
WORTH 2.4 MILLION DOLLARS TO A GREEK CONCERN IF DESCO
CAN SUBSTANTIATE THE EXISTENCE OF SHRIMP STOCKS WHICH
COULD BE PROFITABLY EXPLOITED IN SIERRA LEONE WATERS.

2. NMFS HAS ALREADY FORWARDED DATA ON SHRIMP CONTAINED IN THE REGIONAL FISHERY ATTACHE'S (RFA) REPORT (REF B), DATA ON SIERRA LEONE'S LICENSING REGULATIONS (REF C), AND OTHER BACKGROUND DATA AVAILABLE IN NMFS FILES TO DESCO.

3. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN DATA ON THE SHRIMP FISHERY, ESPECIALLY ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF STOCKS. END UNCLASSIFIED BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL NMFS WOULD BE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN ANY PUBLISHED RESULTS OF THE RESEARCH BEING CONDUCTED BY THE SOVIETS OFF SIERRA LEONE (REF D) IF IT INCLUDES ANY DATA ON SHRIMP. NMFS WOULD ALSO LIKE TO OBTAIN UNCLASSIFIED DOCUMENTATION OF SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR LEE'S BELIEF THAT THE SHRIMP RESOURCE MAY JUSTIFY A JOINT VENTURE (REF E). SUCH DATA WOULD BE OF GREAT VALUE TO DESCO IF IT COULD BE DECLASSIFIED WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE EMBASSY'S SOURCES. NMFS CONTACTED OPIC WHICH HAD LITTLE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SHRIMP STOCKS. IN ADDITION, NMFS ALSO CONTACTED AID, BUT FISHERIES PROJECT DESIGN TEAM (REF F) CONCENTRATED ON FRESHWATER FISHERIES AND DID LITTLE WORK ON SHRIMP. THE MATERIAL ON SHRIMP IN THE AID DESIGN TEAM TRIP REPORT HAVE BEEN MAILED TO DESCO. END CONFIDENTIAL

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED 4. NMFS IS POUCHING EMBASSY A COPY OF A LETTER FROM THE POTENTIAL GREEK PURCHASER OF THE VESSELS WHO NEEDS THE DOCUMENTED EVIDENCE OF THE EXISTENCE OF SHRIMP STOCKS TO ARRANGE FINANCING OF THE DESCO VESSELS. THE PURCHASER INDICATES THAT SOME CONFIDENTIAL

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LIBERIAN TRAWLERS HAVE IN THE PAST CAUGHT SHRIMP OFF SIERRA LEONE. THESE CATCHES THUS APPEAR IN U.S. IMPORT STATISTICS AS U.S. IMPORTS FROM LIBERIA RATHER THAN IMPORTS FROM SIERRA LEONE. A CONFIRMATION OF THE ABOVE REPORT IS REQUESTED, ESPECIALLY IF THE LIBERIAN FISHERY IS CONTINUING. NMFS NOTED THAT RFA REPORTED (REF B) A LIBERIAN-SIERRA LEONIAN JOINT VENTURE BASED IN FREETOWN WHICH ENDED IN 1976. IS IT POSSIBLE THAT SOME OF THE CATCH OF THE JOINT VENTURE VESSELS MAY HAVE BEEN EXPORTED VIA LIBERIA? NMFS HAS FORWARDED DESCO STATISTICS ON U.S. SHRIMP IMPORTS. THE U.S. IMPORTED 168 T (PRODUCT WEIGHT) IN 1975 AND 516 T IN 1976 FROM LIBERIA. NO SHRIMP WAS IMPORTED FROM SIERRA LEONE. CONFIRMATION FROM THE EMBASSY THAT LIBERIAN IMPORTS INCLUDE SHRIMP CAUGHT IN SIERRA LEONE WATERS WILL HELP DESCO AND VESSEL PURCHASER SUBSTANTIATE THE EXISTENCE OF SHRIMP OFF SIERRA LEONE.

5. FOR CASABLANCA ONLY. NMFS WOULD APPRECIATE ANY

ADDITIONAL SHRIMP DATA IN RFA'S FILES WHICH WAS NOT INCLUDED IN REF B. COPY OF LETTER FROM POTENTIAL GREEK PURCHASER IS ALSO BEING POUCHED TO RFA.

6. NMFS HAS POUCHED EMBASSY FINAL COPY OF REVISIONS EMBASSY SUGGESTED TO REF B. NMFS HAS SUBMITTED THE REVISED REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE U.S. INDUSTRY THROUGH THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION SERVICE. NMFS WILL SUPPLY EMBASSY AND RFA WITH DETAILS ON HOW THE REPORT CAN BE ORDERED AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE. END
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